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FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE TO BE
ISSUED BY GOC AFTER SIGNING CEREMONY ON MAY 8:

BEGIN TEXT.

OTTAWA - THREE AIR AGREEMENTS HERALDING THE BIGGEST
INTERNATIONAL BILATERAL PACKAGE EVER DEVELOPED BETWEEN
TWO COUNTRIES WAS SIGNED HERE TODAY BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MINISTER MITCHELL SHARP, TRANSPORT MINISTER JEAN
MARCHAND AND THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO CANADA
WILLIAM PORTER.

MR. SHARP SIGNED AN EXCHANGE OF NOES AMENDING THE
1966 AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF 46 NEW ROUTES FOR THE U.S. AND CANADA,
WORKED OUT IN FOUR YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS. MR. MARCHAND
SIGNED A NEW AIR CHARTER AGREEMENT AND A PRE-
CLEARANCE AGREEMENT. MR. PORTER SIGNED ALL THREE
AGREEMENTS, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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UNITED STATES.

THE SIGNING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE THIS AFTERNOON IN THE COMMONWEALTH ROOM IN THE CENTRE BLOCK OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE DESIGNATION OF WHAT CANADIAN AIRLINES WILL GET WHAT ROUTES IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

MR. SHARP UNDERLINED THAT THESE NEW AGREEMENTS CONSTITUTED AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT LINKS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S. HE SAID THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ROUTE PACKAGE ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE INCREASING MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS BETWEEN DIFFERENT AREAS OF CANADA AND THE U.S.

"OUR WILLINGNESS TO REACH AGREEMENT IS PROOF OF THE IMPORTANCE BOTH COUNTRIES PLACE IN MAINTAINING THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY CONTACTS WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADIANS AND AMERICANS", HE SAID.

MR. MARCHAND SAID THE OBJECTIVES SOUGHT WERE THREE-FOLD AND IN ACCORD WITH CANADIAN AIR POLICY. THE FIRST WAS TO ENSURE SAFE, EFFICIENT AND CONVENIENT AIR SERVICES TO MEET THE TRAVELLING NEEDS OF CANADIANS; THE SECOND WAS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL BEING OF THE COUNTRY. THE THIRD WAS TO ENSURE THAT AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ARE REASONABLY BALANCED TO CREATE AN ADEQUATE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY OF CANADA CAN CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN AN EFFICIENT AND PROFITABLE MANNER WITHOUT IMPOSING UNDUE BURDENS ON THE TAXPAYER AT LARGE.
END TEXT.
PORTER

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